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City of Sistersville Approved For Water & Waste Disposal Funds

Morgantown, WV – June 27, 2006: State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III, today announced that **Rural Development** approved a Water and Waste Disposal Loan of \$456,000 and Grant of \$359,100 for the City of Sistersville, Tyler County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to drill exploratory groundwater wells for water quality sampling and analysis. The existing water treatment plant has passed its useful life and is in an extremely deteriorated condition. It has been recommended that the City pursue new groundwater sources of drinking water.

Steptoe stated, "Pending the results of the water sampling, the City plans to drill production wells in order to continue to provide its 803 customers with a safe and reliable source of water."

The project will also include the replacement of waterline in areas known as Virginia Terrace and Klondike Avenue.

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